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| 2. | This REPORT consists of a total of 7 sheets, including this cover sheet. | | |
| | In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead. | | |
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| 1. | which it | ard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)). |
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| Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement | | ep or industrial | | |
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| 1. Statemen | nt | • | | |
| Novel | ty (N) | Claims | 2-9 | YES |
| | | Claims | 1 | NO |
| Invent | tive step (IS) | Claims | 3-4, 6-9 | YES |
| | | Claims | 1-2, 5 | МО |
| Indust | trial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-9 | YES |
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2. Citations and explanations:

Prior art

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: EP 0972534 A2

From document D1 a device for anaesthetic treatment of a patient is known. The device in D1 can recover anaesthetics in anaesthetic treatment of a patient and consists of a flow path, which path can consist of one (3) or two (7,8 or 12,13 respectively) tubular lines for a breathing medium with a first and a second opening. The device also discloses an absorption body (6), which absorption body has a capacity of absorbing and desorbing anaesthetics. The device further discloses a valve means (20), which is adjustable between a first position in which the flow path passes through the absorption body, and a second position in which the flow path does not pass through the absorption body, and the absorption body retains unchanged position in the housing in both valve positions. (See for example the abstract, column 2, line 19 - column 3, line 16 and figure 1.)

Statement of reason

The invention according to claims 1-9 discloses a device for recovering anaesthetics during anaesthetic treatment of a patient. The device consists of a housing with a flow path for throughput of a breathing medium. The device also discloses an absorption body, with which it is possible to both absorb and desorb anaesthetics. The devise solves the problem with delayed turnoff of the supply of anaesthetics with the help of a valve arrangement. The valve arrangement

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discloses a control means which controls the flow of the breathing medium so that the absorption body is completely passed-by when stopping the supply of anaesthetic to the patient. In this way the remaining anaesthetic in the absorption body cannot continue to be desorbed in the breathing medium and the supply of anaesthetic is turned off immediately.

Claim 1 and 5 indicates different number of flow paths, see box VIII.

It is assumed as obvious to a person skilled in the art to arrange a housing, with a first opening and a second opening, around the anaesthetic device so that a flow path is established in the housing.

According to what is mentioned above, the invention according to claim 1 lacks novelty.

What is mentioned in claim 2 and 5 is regarded only as obvious constructional details to the person skilled in the art. Therefore, the invention according to claim 2 and 5 is regarded to lack an inventive step.

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| Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application | | | |
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| The following defects in the form or content of the international application have been noted: | | | |
| The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT). | | | |
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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawing or on the question whether the claim are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claim 1 states that the device discloses one flow path ("the flow path"). Claim 5, which depends on claim 1 or 2, states that the device discloses two flow paths. It is assumed that the flow path consists of one path, which can be split in two paths if required and the claims has been searched with this assumption in mind.

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